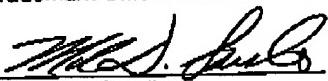


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Sir:

Entry of the amendments and favorable reconsideration of the above-identified application is respectfully requested in view of the following.

This response is being filed together with a request for continued examination (RCE).

Applicants hereby petition for a two-month extension of time to respond to the outstanding final Office Action mailed on December 28, 2004. Applicants hereby authorize the Commissioner to charge the petition fee for a two-month extension of time to Deposit Account No. 18-0988 (Docket No. SAIKP0113US).

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Applicants note that the fee for the two (2) additional independent claims included herein has *already previously* been charged to Deposit Account No. 18-0988 (Docket No. SAIKP0113US). Such charge was incurred on March 31, 2004 in connection with the filing but non-entry of an amendment after final. Applicants respectfully request that they not be double charged.